



Report title: Overview and Scrutiny Lead Members Questions

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 22nd March 2021

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Chair - Cllr Lorna Dupre

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Scrutiny Officer

Recommendations: Note the questions submitted to the Executive Committees.

Voting arrangements: N/A

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a copy of the questions that the Lead members submitted to the Combined Authority Executive Committees.

2. Background

- 2.1 Under the new governance arrangements, effective from 1 November 2019, decision making is now distributed between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees. There are three Executive Committees, Skills, Housing & Communities and Transport & Infrastructure. The single Forward Plan sets out both key and non key decisions and allocates the decision making between the Combined Authority Board and the Executive Committees.
- 2.2 With significant decisions being taken by the Executive Committees, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (O&S) has a role in scrutinising the work of those Committees. In order to do so, the committee have appointed members of O&S to lead in respect of the work of each Executive Committee.
- 2.3 The current Lead Member's from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are:-
Skills Committee - Cllr Andy Coles
Housing Committee – Cllr Jocelynne Scutt
Transport and Infrastructure Committee – Cllr Alan Sharp

- 2.4 This month the Executive Committees met on the:
 - 10th March – Transport and Infrastructure Committee
 - 15th March – Skills Committee
 - 15th March – Housing and Communities Committee
- 2.5 In agreement with the Chair for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Lead Members submitted questions to Transport and Infrastructure Committee and Housing and Communities Committee and Skills Committee.
- 2.6 The responses to the questions will be circulated to members once the Executive Committees have met and responses have been received.
- 3. **Financial Implications**
 - 3.1 No financial implications
- 4. **Legal Implications**
 - 4.1 No legal implications.
- 5. **Appendices**
 - 5.1 Appendix A – Questions – Transport and Infrastructure Committee
 - 5.2 Appendix B – Questions – Housing and Communities Committee
 - 5.3 Appendix C – Questions – Skills Committee